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## Beta Beta Chapter to Observe 24th Anniversary This Sunday

Sunday, May 6, at 3:00 p.m., Beta Beta Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will celebrate its 24th year on the Nebraska campus with a public program at Quinn Chapel A.M.E. church, according to an announcement made by Howard Bean, president of the University of Nebraska group.

"Alpha Phi Alpha," Mr. Bean explained, "was founded at Cornell University in 1906 by seven students. These founders have come to be called 'Jewels' by the more than 10,000 college men who have followed them. Today there are undergraduate chapters of the fraternity on 108 campuses and graduate chapters in over 112 cities.

"Beta Beta chapter," he continued, "was organized at the University of Nebraska on May 7, 1927 and has had a continual existence except during World War I when there weren't many men in college."

Joining in the observance will be fraternity brothers from other campuses—Creighton and Omaha University, and members of the chapter of graduates in Omaha.

The program on Sunday marks the beginning of twenty-five years at the Cornhusker school

and according to Charles Goolsby, Regional Director, it looks like it is going to be one of the biggest and best of them all for the collegians.

Ushering for Sunday's program will be done by the Sphinx Club, an organization of college men sponsored by the chapter. The speaker for the occasion will be Mr. Marion M. Taylor, Industrial secretary of the Omaha Urban League and president of the graduate chapter.

## ROTC Program New at Drake U.

DES MOINES, Ia. (Special). Men students at Drake University, Des Moines, Ia., next fall may enroll in a newly granted Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program, Dr. Henry G. Harmon, Drake president, announced today. Drake has just received word of its selection as one of the universities in the nation to be given such an Air Force training program. The program is open to all undergraduate students now at Drake, incoming freshmen, and students transferring to Drake from other colleges. "This is an excellent opportunity for young men to receive a college education and at the same time train for a reserve commission in the Air Forces," Dr. Harmon said "By enrolling in the Air Force R.O.T.C. program at Drake a young man can prepare himself for greater effectiveness to his country both in time of peace and in war."

There are two parts to the Air R.O.T.C. program at Drake. The first is the basic course for freshman and sophomore students. Students with a good record may enter the advanced course which will be given in their junior and senior years.

Advanced Air R.O.T.C. students receive monthly pay, in addition to the uniforms issued free to all students in the program. Upon completion of the advanced course and upon graduation, students will be commissioned in the rank of second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve.

"Drake University considers it a real honor to be elected as one of the few schools in the nation eligible to receive a new Air Force R.O.T.C. unit," Dr. Harmon stated.

First classes in the new R.O.T.C. program at Drake will be on Sept. 17, when all classes in the University officially begin. Drake registration dates are Sept. 12-14.

Students wishing more information about the Air R.O.T.C. course at Drake are urged to write the Admissions Counseling office, Drake University, Des Moines, Ia.

**Calendar of Events**  
Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church Mother's Day breakfast, May 13.

Sunday School Rally Day program, May 13.

Revival—Mrs. Versa Flynn Pierce, speaker, May 14-27.

District Conference at Elwood, Kansas, May 9 and 10.

Lincoln Urban League Membership Drive, May 15 to June 1.

Clean Up Campaign, May 14-19.

Boys Town Concert, May 17.

Annual Duke and Duchess Review, May 25.

Annual Memorial Day picnic, May 30.

## Diggs Attends University No. Carolina Med. School

### Conference To Include 3 Speakers

Three speakers of national reputation will speak on education, youth problems, and social welfare as they relate to "Social Planning in a Troubled World" at the forthcoming Nebraska Welfare Association Annual Conference May 3, 4, and 5 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln.

The Conference program will offer major addresses by Dr. Eduard Lindeman, Professor Emeritus, New York School of Social Work; Dr. Allison Davis, Educator from the University of Chicago; and Judge Phillip B. Gilliam, of the Denver Juvenile and Family Court. The meetings will be open to the public.

Tied in closely with the Conference will be an all day "Workshop for the Aging" sponsored by the University of Nebraska Extension Division on May 3.

Inquiries concerning the Conference or Workshop should be addressed to Nebraska Welfare Association, 226 South 10th Street, Lincoln.

## Illinois Town Hires First Negro Teacher

MOLINE, Ill.—(ANP)—The city of Moline last week hired its first Negro teacher in the town's history. He was William A. Jenkins, who soon will have completed work for a doctor's degree in education at the University of Illinois.

Jenkins was hired just as any other teacher, according to Supt. Alex Jardine. He also was the first Negro ever to apply for a teaching job in Moline.

He will start work in September as an English instructor at the junior high school.

A native of Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of New York university and holds a master's degree from the University of Illinois.

Jardine said he informally told the board of education that he had received an application from Jenkins. The board, he said, told him that if qualified any applicant should be hired, regardless of creed or race.

## Wilberforce State Changes Name to Central St. College

WILBERFORCE, O. (ANP) — There no longer are two schools with the name, Wilberforce, in their title. The State College of Education at Wilberforce is now officially Central State college.

Last week the 99th general assembly of Ohio passed the Daniels-Finke-Bowers bill, renaming the state school, and placing it on a par with other state institutions of high learning.

This bill also authorizes the state school to award the bachelor of arts degree, and to appoint its business manager. It also reduces the number of trustees from nine to seven.

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. (ANP). The University of North Carolina last week announced that it had approved the application of a Negro student to attend its Medical school.

To be admitted is Edward O. Diggs, 30, a pre-medical student who will graduate in June from A&T college in Greensboro, N. C. Diggs plans to enroll at the UNC medical school in September.

The university medical school's admissions committee voted 6 to 1 to admit Diggs, thus making it the first school below the Mason-Dixon line and east of the Mississippi to voluntarily open its doors to colored students.

## State Senate Kills Illinois FEPC Bill 29-22

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (ANP) — The state senate of the Illinois General assembly last week killed a proposed fair employment practices law for the state by a vote of 29 to 22.

A senate committee originally voted 9 to 3 to recommend that the bill be defeated.

Sen. Christopher C. Winbush, only Negro member, led the fight for the FEPC bill, along with the Democratic members. Only two Republicans voted for the action. Sen. Winbush told fellow solons:

"FEPC will stop your problem of housing and unemployment. Keep your hate if you must, keep your prejudice if you must, but don't deny the right of an American citizen to earn a living."

Sen. Edward P. Saltier, one of the two Republicans for FEPC, told his colleagues:

"I am perplexed and bewildered. I don't understand how good Americans and good Christians can vote to refuse to give other Americans their fullest rights because of their color."

Speaking for the opposition, Sen. Merritt Little, Republican, argued:

"Some day a similar but different bill will be acceptable to the public. At present, this bill puts a heavy burden on one class — employers—and threatens them with punishment for doing what they must do to stay in business. Almost every senator from Chicago voted for the bill, and nearly every senator from downstate Illinois voted against it."

Literal translation of the word "mortgage" is death pledge.

Joseph Sweeney invented the banjo, so called because he was dubbed a one-man-band.

The first southern school to take this step, however, was the University of Arkansas which admitted a woman student to its medical school several years ago.

Approval of Diggs came three weeks after the university board of trustees voted to admit any student to a graduate or professional school "without regard to race or color" when the state does not provide separate facilities for minority races.

At that time the trustees of the 162-year-old institution said the university could not longer defy the "supreme law of the land" as established by recent U. S. Supreme court decisions.

Diggs has not yet received his letter of acceptance, but he said upon learning of his achievement, "I am glad I was accepted."

A graduate of Winston-Salem Teachers college in 1938, Diggs taught school before going to the service during World War II. He is the father of three children and a part-time postoffice worker while attending school.

About her husband's comment upon hearing the news he had been accepted at the school, his wife said: "He was just too excited to say anything else. Isn't it wonderful? You don't know how much suspense we've been through."

Later Diggs stated he had been accepted by the University of Chicago Medical school and Meharry Medical school in Nashville but he preferred the University of North Carolina because he intends to practice in the state.

"I feel that training here would be more valuable than in some other state," he declared.

In rating him, the admissions committee considered him "competitively qualified."

## Arkansas Gets 1st Negro Deputy

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (ANP)—Pulaski county last week appointed a Negro deputy sheriff, believed to be the first one of his race in the state of Arkansas. He is Charles Bussey, 32.

Bussey was sworn into office Saturday April 14. Bussey also will work with the Negro junior deputy sheriffs.

## To Hold Revival at Quinn Chapel A.M.E.

Mrs. Versa Flynn Pierce will open a revival at Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church May 14 to continue through May 27. Mrs. Pierce is from Casper, Wyo., and has held previous revivals at Quinn Chapel.

Prior to the beginning of the revival there will be a week of cottage prayer meetings, May 7-12.

Rev. J. B. Brooks is pastor of Quinn Chapel.

## Oregon Passes Bill Outlawing Bias in Schools

SALEM, Ore. — (ANP) — The Oregon legislature last week passed a bill outlawing discrimination in admission of students to school in the state on the grounds of race, religion or national origin. If signed by Gov. Douglas McKay, who has said he approves it, the bill will become law.

This action was taken because it was found that bias in professional, vocational and trade schools in the state had hampered fair employment operations. It was initiated by the Fair Employment Division of the State Bureau of Labor.

According to Edwin C. Berry, executive secretary, Portland Urban league schools of cosmetology (beauty culture) were a chief target of this bill. These schools have refused to train colored operators on the grounds that they were not equipped to operate on Negro hair and skin. Unbiased schools, however, said they were so equipped.

Other schools affected will be those of modeling and business and commercial training.

## Cornhusker Council Has Annual Meeting

In company with Lynnwood Parker, executive secretary of the Lincoln Urban League, scout executives of Cornhusker Council Troop 60, motored to York, Nebraska for an annual meeting and planning conference. The meeting was held Sunday afternoon and evening, April 22nd.

Johnnie Reed, Scout Master, received the progress award for Troop 60. Among others making the trip were Jewell R. Kelley, jr., and Hobert Bradley.

W. G. "Bill" Fulton is the new Scout Executive for Cornhusker Council. He filled the vacancy left by Frank M. Chase who has assumed responsibility as Scout Executive of the Central Indiana Council with headquarters at Indianapolis, Indiana.